The Solar Energy Centre of MNES has signed a MOU with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Deptt. of Energy, USA in December, 1994 for cooperation in the field of testing, exchange of non-proprietary scientific information, solar radiation data collection and establishment of links between renewable energy information net works in India and USA etc.

Another MOU has been signed in February, 1995 by the Ministry with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), USA, to assess, develop renewable benefit. In addition, other MOUs have been signed between institutions to enable formation of joint ventures which will help investment for the growth of the renewable energy sector. Necessary steps are being taken to facilitate implementation of these MOUs.

Age limit for Civil Services Examinations for OBCs

748. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision regarding raising the age limit for civil services examinations for other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the reasons and rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary amendments raising the upper age limit by 3 years and the maximum number of attempts to 7, in favour of O.B.C. candidates who are otherwise eligible, have since been carried out in the Civil Services Examination Rules, 1995. A copy of the Notification dated the 25-1-95 is enclosed. (**See below**). The decision has been taken to ensure the full implementation of the 27 per cent reservation accorded to Other Backward Classes in the Civil Services Examinations.

Statement

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING

NOTIFICATION

No. 13018/17/93-AIS(I):— in the Rules for Civil Services Examination 1995 published in Part I, Section 1 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 24.12.1994 the following amendments may be carried out:—

(i) The following proviso shall be added below the first proviso to rule 4:—

"Provided further that the number of attempts permissible to candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are otherwise eligible, shall be seven."

(ii) The following shall be added as sub-rule (x) to rule 6(b):—

"Upto a maximum of three years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates."

These amendments shall be deemed to have come into effect from 25.1.1995.

Sd/-
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Pay revision case of UDCs before Board of Arbitration

749. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL
alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3224 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18 August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the Board of Arbitration have submitted its Award to Government with regard to the revision of pay scale of Upper Division Clerks of the Central Secretariat Clerical Service from Rs. 1200—2040 to Rs. 1400—2600;

(b) if so, what are the full details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons for not submitting the aforesaid Award in the interest of the Upper Division Clerk category: and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Board of Arbitration heard the matter in June, 1994, September, 1994 ond Mrch, 1995 it hs to conclude the haering and give its award.

(d) Does not arise.

सरकारी कर्मचारियों को प्रशिक्षण

750. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1995 के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को प्रशिक्षण देने के बारे में विस्तृत योजनायें/कार्यक्रम क्या हैं ; और

(ख) प्रत्येक प्रशिक्षार्थी पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मार्गरेट आल्वा) : (क) वित्त वर्ष 1995–96 के दौरान कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग द्वारा भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवाओं तथा अन्य संबद्ध सेवाओं के अधिकारियों को लाल बहादुर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय प्रशासन अकादमी, मसूरी तथा अन्य चुनिन्दा अकादमियों संस्थानों में तथा केन्द्रीय सचिवालय के अधिकारियों / कर्मचारियों को सचिवालय प्रशिक्षण तथा प्रबन्ध संस्थान, नई दिल्ली में प्रवेश प्रशिक्षण देना प्रस्तावित है। तथापि, भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा तथा केन्द्रीय सचिवालय के अधिकारीयों/ कर्मचारियों का सेवाकालीन प्रशिक्षण लाल बहादुर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय प्रशासन अकादमी तथा सचिवालय प्रशिक्षण तथा प्रबंध संस्थान के अतिरिक्त अन्य विभिन्न प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों पर आयोजित किए जाने का प्रस्ताव किया गया है। कुल मिलाकर 107 कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए जाने का भी प्रस्ताव है।

इसके अतिरिक्त वर्ष 1995–96 के दौरान सरकार की प्राथमिकताओं के क्षेत्रों से संबंधित विशेष विषयों में भी 128 प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम प्रयोजित किए जाने हैं जिनमें केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के अलावा राज्य सरकारें, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के